

News briefs

Community Day welcomes German friends

Today, Spangdahlem Air Base welcomes our German friends to Community Day. This day was planned to give our German neighbors, including local and national media representatives, the opportunity to learn about Spangdahlem AB and the 52nd Fighter Wing mission.

Community Day, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Hangars 1 and 2, features more than 30 displays, including wing aircraft, equipment, weapons and information boards. A food booth is also open throughout the day. Military members and their families are also welcome to attend.

Protest at Spangdahlem Air Base

A protest is scheduled for Saturday outside of Spangdahlem Air Base. Large crowds are expected to gather anytime after 11 a.m.

The group, which received permission from the German government to stage the protest, is against a possible future war with Iraq.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday. People are reminded to set their clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Eifel Times

Because of a German holiday Nov. 1, next week's issue of the Eifel Times will be printed and delivered Thursday.

MPF reduced manning

The Military Personnel Flight experiences reduced manning in certain sections Wednesday and Nov. 6 for readiness training. However, the MPF will remain open during it's normal operating hours both days.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic on both Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex hold a grab-bag day Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People dressed in costumes, excluding masks, will be able to take two bags of merchandise instead of one. Bag contents do not go against monthly merchandise totals.

For more information, call 452-9424 or 452-6422.

Holiday mailing deadlines

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Postal Squadron officials recently announced the dates to mail packages to ensure they reach the United States in time for the holidays.

To ensure a Christmas delivery, mail packages and letters no later than the following dates:

Parcel airlift -- Dec. 4

Priority parcels -- Dec. 11

First-class letters -- Dec. 11

Express mail -- Dec. 18

For more information on mailing guidelines, call the Spangdahlem Air Base post office at 452-6038 or the Bitburg Annex post office at 452-9406.

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Fire in the hole!

Airman 1st Class Robert Washington, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire department, gets a rare opportunity to assist with detonating an unexploded ordnance. A 5-by-24 inch projectile was found during construction at Spangdahlem Air Base earlier this month. Before it was detonated, Washington yelled "Fire in the Hole" to warn people to take cover.

Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

Pumpkin Patrol activated again to ensure safe trick-or-treating

By Lt. Col. Larry Laird
52nd Security Forces Squadron commander

With Halloween next week, the 52nd Security Forces Squadron "Pumpkin Patrol" is preparing to ensure the safety of Eifel community trick-or-treaters. The "Pumpkin Patrol" consists of security forces and wing volunteers, who keep a watchful eye on military housing areas including Binsfeld, Herforst, Speicher, along with Bitburg and Spangdahlem housing areas. Security forces will also be establishing a safe point in each housing area where children who are separated from there parents can go. To volunteer for the "Pumpkin Patrol," call Staff Sgt. Kevin Lawson at 452-7843 or 06565-617843.

Trick-or-treating takes place Thursday from 6-8 p.m. The activity is open to community youth of all ages; however, only the Binsfeld, Speicher and Herforst government-leased housing areas will be open to the German public.

People living off base who plan to bring their children to the Bitburg Annex or Spangdahlem Air Base for trick-or-treating are asked to donate bags of store-purchased, individually-wrapped candy to hand out to children in the military housing areas. The donation point for candy is at security forces in building 215, adjacent to the Spangdahlem AB main gate and

is open today through Wednesday. Beginning Monday, Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex residents can pick up candy donations from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To reduce the chances of children in costumes tripping or falling on stairs, housing area resident are asked to implement the following safety procedures during treating hours:

■ Turn off exterior lights to indicate if stairwell residents are not distributing candy.

■ Residents should keep stairwell lights on until all the candy has been distributed.

■ "Lights off" indicates all candy has been distributed or it's 8 p.m.

■ Vehicle and pedestrian safety is another major concern. To protect our children, security forces and parents will enforce the following safety procedures:

■ Parents escorting children through housing areas must do so on-foot.

■ Designated parking areas for military members living off

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Red Ribbon Week -- celebration of drug-free community

By Frank Mayer
Drug Demand Reduction program manager

Many lives have been lost due to the violence of desperate people under the influence of illegal drugs. Too many have come to view violence and drugs as normal occurrences. Tobacco, alcohol and other drugs wreak havoc on our health system and cost thousands of lives a year.

In 1985 a small community rallied together and pinned on red ribbons in honor of the sacrifice made by one of their own, Enrique

"Kiki" Camarena. As a drug enforcement administration special agent, he was brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers. He left behind a family. His death was not the first, nor the last. Due to the simple efforts of the community his death became a catalyst for action. His life is a symbol of the sacrifice of the lives of many courageous law enforcement officers, as well as the sacrifice of many families who have lost loved ones through the violence that accompanies drug use and addiction.

For one week, Sunday through Nov. 2, the

message the community sends throughout the year is highlighted, be it by volunteering, offering services, attending activities or enjoying a healthy lifestyle. It is a message of peace, health and unity. It is a message that says, we believe in each other and in each person's hopes and dreams. We are people who are committed to this community.

Red ribbons are worn to honor the blood that has been shed. They're worn as a promise — a promise to maintain the commitment to the health and safety of everyone in the com-

munity. The ribbons are worn to prevent the loss of another life.

The activities scheduled at Spangdahlem Air Base for this year's Red Ribbon Week celebration include a red ribbon distribution campaign to all active duty members, 5K community run, door decorating contests at the elementary, middle and high schools, information booths, community bicycle ride, Red Ribbon Week rally at the Spangdahlem Middle School and a Drug Prevention Awareness contest on AFN Radio. For more information, call 452-8299.

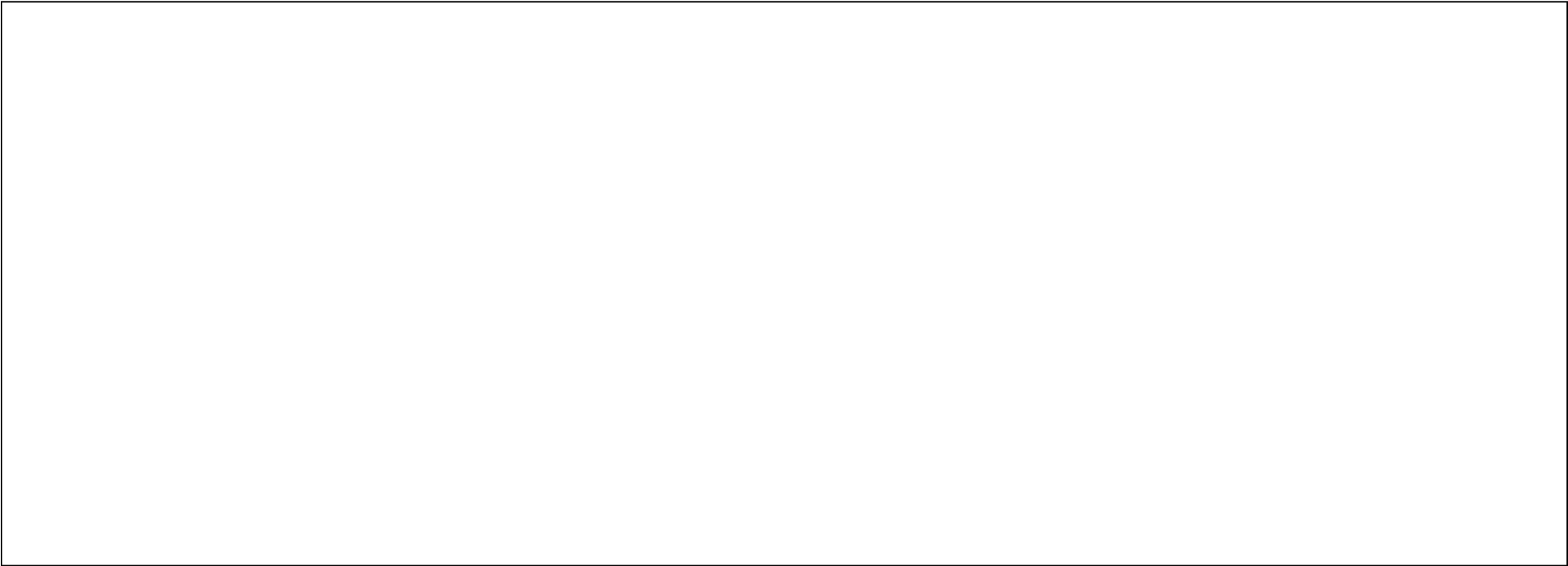


Illustration by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Traffic near Spangdahlem

It is illegal for drivers heading toward Spangdahlem Air Base from the B-50 traffic circle to use the left lane to pass the right lane, only to cut back in line to head into the main gate. The map above depicts what is, and what isn't, allowed. Additionally, the wing commander's policy doesn't allow people to travel in the left lane and either enter the main gate from the circle, or go around the circle to enter the gate. For more information, call security forces at 452-6666.

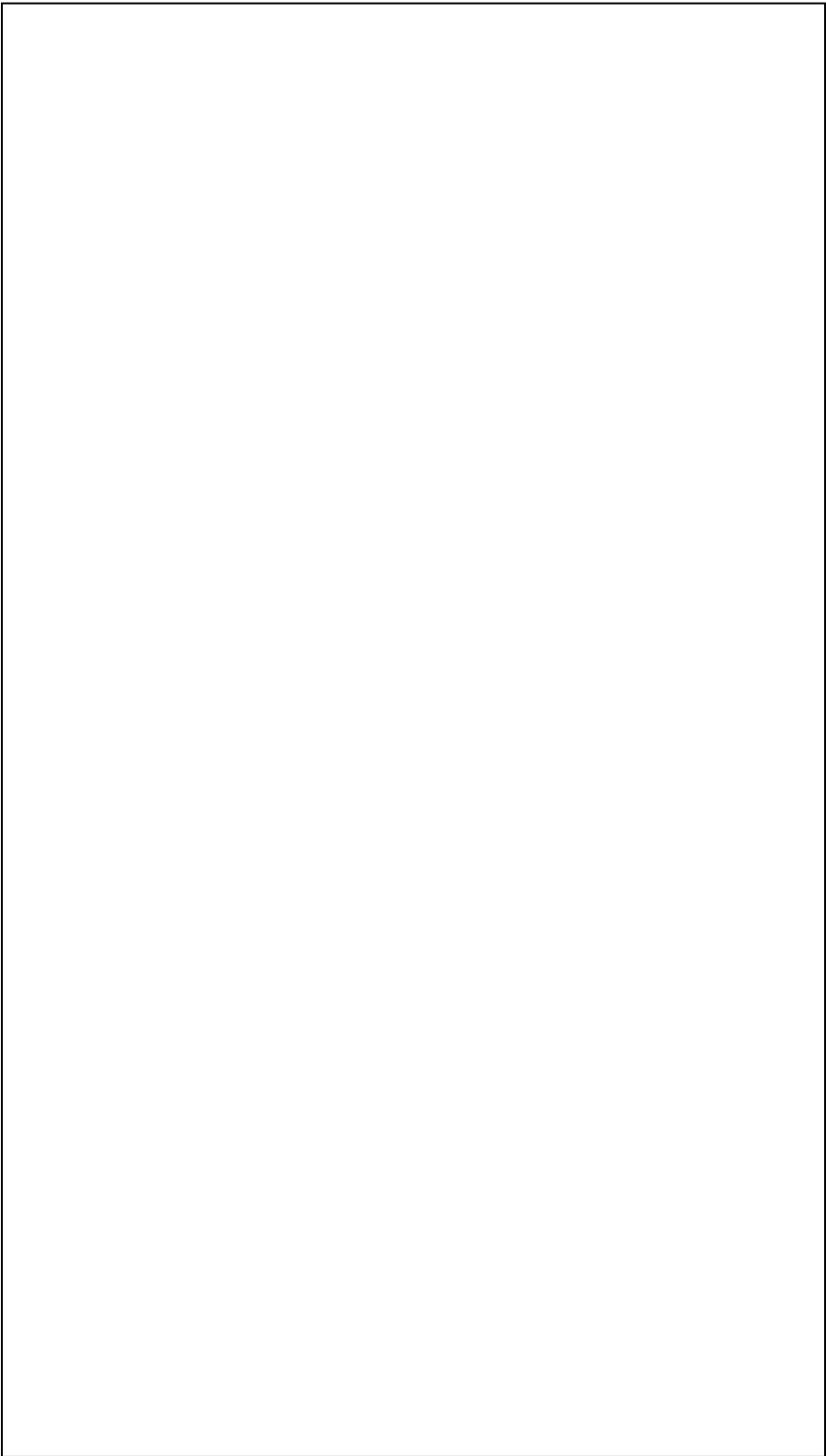


Illustration by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Road closure

Due to road upgrades to Mather Avenue, beginning Monday the only entrance to the Burger King parking lot will be through Arnold Boulevard. The only exception is for delivery trucks to Burger King and the community activities center. The traffic map above depicts traffic flow during the closure time, which is expected to be about five months.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Master Sgt. Russell Carnahan, 52nd Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, serves Airman 1st Class Sergio Chavez, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, a steak and lobster meal July 10 at the Mosel Dining Hall airman's dinner.

Spang shows appreciation to airmen with special meal

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Steak and lobster, candlelight, and first sergeant-class service is what impressed Airman Jeff Thomas when he went to his usual dinner spot at the Mosel Dining Hall July 10.

Earlier that afternoon, the former 606th Air Control Squadron radar technician had just heard about the 52nd Services Squadron Airman's Appreciation Dinner and signed up -- not sure of what to expect.

"This is great!" he said as his "waiter," Master Sgt. Carey Shoff, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, served the grilled T-bone and steamed lobster tail. "We don't get this in the field or if we did it would be in a bag and we'd need to heat it up and scoop it out to eat it," Thomas joked.

In the third quarter, wing first sergeants served the meal, taking turns with the wing Top 3 organization, the Chief's Group and wing commanders for the honors.

"The meals give airmen the opportunity to

enjoy food not usually served here and first sergeants the opportunity to interact with troops in an informal setting," Shoff said.

Steak and lobster was chosen as a special kick-off menu for the third quarter dinner and is what's on the menu for the next dinner taking place Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Participation determines the menu, according to Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Morgan, assistant dining facility manager. A good turn out means fancy fare.

"We switched the usual meal day to a weekday to draw in more airmen by making it more convenient," she said.

About 80 percent of the 120 reservations showed at the appreciation meal, which is good, said Morgan, but "no-shows" means wasted food. In addition to steak and lobster, airmen can look forward to feasting on marinated chicken breast and fried shrimp this quarter. All E-4s and below on Subsistence in Kind are encouraged to attend. Reserve seats by signing up at the Mosel Dining Hall, preferably one week in advance.

Program teaches Eifel youth to give drugs cold shoulder

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The drug abuse prevention course was almost over. Although White County Middle School sixth grader Joshua Riley felt disappointed about not learning more on the subject until next year, he enthusiastically dove into the end-of-course writing assignment to show his teachers how much he had learned. Joshua's paper about gangs impressed the teacher enough to win first prize.

This year, the Eifel region's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, most popularly called D.A.R.E., kicked-off the first week of October in Bitburg and Spangdahlem middle and Bitburg elementary schools. Senior Airman Joshua Riley, now a member of the 52nd Security Forces Squadron, splits teaching the Eifel military community program with fellow SFS member Airman 1st Class Tara Fann.

"I still enjoy the D.A.R.E. courses," said the Sparta, Tenn., native. "My favorite activity is showing the cartoon video because the kids get into it, really pay attention and shout out the answers."

The program focus is to prevent substance abuse through education, explained Lt. Col. Larry Laird, 52nd SFS commander. The key is teaching children about the dangers before they encounter such situations.

"I'm an avid supporter of the program, which reinforces positive ethics and values where it can do the most good at a critical



Airman 1st Class Tara Fann and Senior Airman Joshua Riley, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, talk to school children about the importance of just saying "NO."

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stage in a young child's development," Laird said. "As a parent of two fifth graders, I see the positive impact immediately."

Kindergarteners participate in a one-week class, which focuses on personal safety, such

as dealing with strangers and the roles of emergency personnel. First and second graders learn about the difference between helpful and harmful drugs, and suggestions on ways to say 'no' to illegal drug use. Third through fifth

graders learn about the harmful effects of illegal drugs, possible consequences of drug use and how to deal with peer pressure.

Covering such serious subjects and maintaining the students' attention can be challenging, but Riley and Fann work at keeping lessons fun by incorporating group assignments and interactive learning. Role playing is Fann's favorite way of ensuring students understand key points.

"I want to get across as much as possible so it will stick with them," said Fann. "It's all about educating them at a young age so they're prepared if they ever get into a situation where drugs are offered."

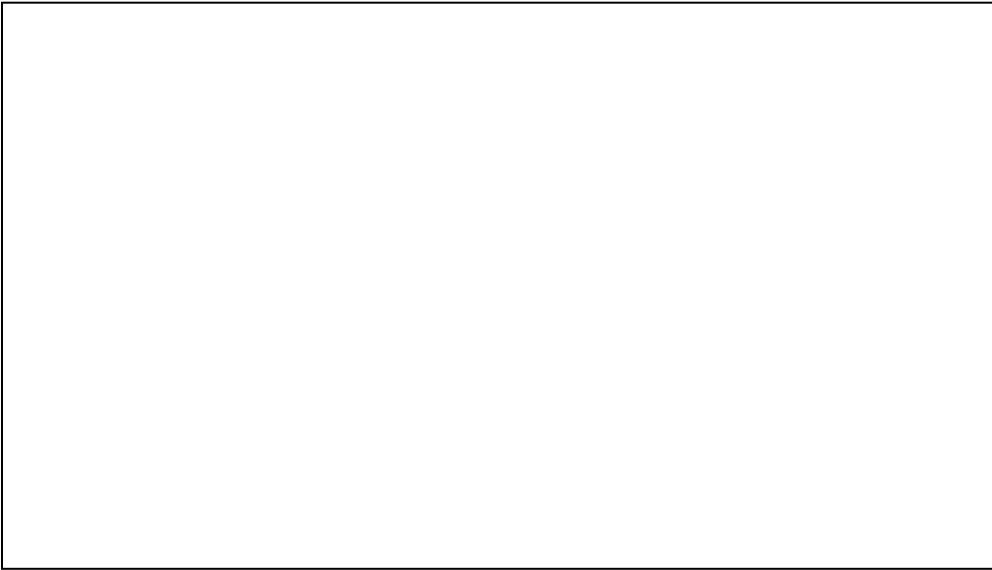
In one activity, each student gets the opportunity to share a different way to say 'no,' said Fann.

"Students come up and practice giving the cold shoulder, simply saying 'no, thanks,' repeatedly saying 'no' to repeated pressure tactics, just walking away and others."

Although Riley and Fann do their best to educate youth on drug abuse and personal safety, parents and peers also play a strong role in discouraging youth from taking part in harmful practices.

"Parents can enhance D.A.R.E. lessons by talking to their kids about the dangers of taking drugs," said Fann. "They can also review D.A.R.E. homework with them and attend parent night to show their support for the program."

Eifel Elite

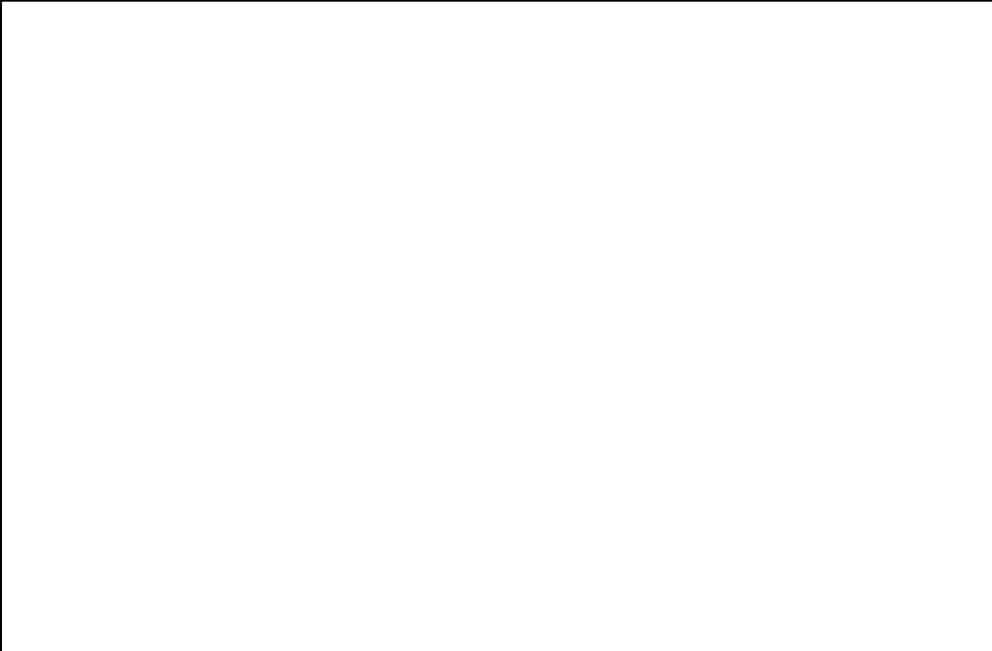


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Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

Top Saber Performer

Name: Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson
Unit/duty title: 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance group facility manager
Contributions to the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission success: "Senior Airman Johnson is a phenomenal first-term airman who is the 52nd Maintenance Group commander's focal point on all security and facility issues. His facility program consists of 266 real property assets valued at \$60 million. He submitted and tracked more than 200 requests for facility improvements for five squadrons, in addition to three geographically-separated units," said Senior Master Sgt. Sylvester Thomas, 52nd MOS.
Off duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Pursuing an associate's degree in business management with Baker College.
What do you do for fun? Or, what's a fun thing you've done lately? Playing golf and sightseeing around Europe with my wife and friends.
What do you like most about being stationed here? Being centrally located near other European countries. It provides the perfect opportunity to experience different cultures that I used to dream and read about.
What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base: More jobs for family members and additional services on the Bitburg Annex.



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The members of the 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 17, make up this week's Top Saber Team.

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 17
Unit responsibilities: The instructors and staff of Detachment 17 provide hands-on maintenance training for Spangdahlem's aircraft maintenance warriors, as well as deploy instructors to support aircraft maintenance training in every wing in Europe. The DET provides this capability through formal and partial courses, and tailored training sessions in numerous aircraft maintenance career fields.
Number of members: 19 hand-selected aircraft maintenance instructors and supporting staff.
How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? Det. 17 plays a crucial role in training and qualifying the aircraft maintenance technicians who maintain the wing's fleet of lethal combat aircraft. From basic systems courses to in-depth system troubleshooting and circuit card repair techniques, the hands-on instruction enables Spangdahlem AB technicians to provide safe and reliable aircraft to the wing's flying warriors. The members of the DET take their role seriously in providing quality aircraft maintenance training and believes in its motto: "Quality Aircraft Maintenance Starts Here!"

Nighthawks exercise capabilities in Europe

Stealths begin training at Spangdahlem AB

By Staff Sgt. Aaron Cram
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Four F-117A Nighthawks and nearly 60 people deployed here Oct. 12 from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., to support a European theater exercise.

The exercise, Operation Coronet Nighthawk, will also take the Holloman-based people to Naval Air Station Rota, Spain; Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England; and NAS Sigonella, Italy; to familiarize them with operations in the European theater. The exercise also allows the U.S. Air Forces in Europe members to practice supporting the F-117.

The deployment gives the aircrews a chance to receive instrument training in the area and practice international flight rules. It will also ensure the F-117s are compatible with FM frequencies unique to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility which have changed since 1999 when the F-117s were last in Europe for Operation Allied Force.



Maj. James Johnson, 9th Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., gets into the cockpit of an F-117A Nighthawk Oct. 15 prior to a training mission here. Johnson and other Holloman 49th Fighter Wing members were at Spangdahlem on a training exercise.

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“The F-117 is a worldwide deployable asset,” said Lt. Col. Dave Wooden, 9th Fighter Squadron commander. “This training exercise

helps us ensure we are at a constant state of readiness to deploy anywhere in the world at anytime if called upon.

“Anytime you are away from your home station, you are out of your comfort zone,” he said. “Our maintenance crews, operations support, security forces and pilots are here to learn what it’s like being outside that comfort zone. These types of exercises are what it’s all about.”

After the 12-hour flight from Holloman, another F-117 pilot spoke highly of the training he’s already receiving from this exercise.

“Training flights at home are about two hours,” said Capt. Scott Cain, a 9th FS pilot. “This gives us a chance to endure these long flights and refuel at night, things we don’t get to do back home.”

The training exercise also allows support personnel to hone their skills. Airman 1st Class John Pulley, who’s on his first temporary duty with the F-117A, is learning to do his job away from Holloman and then some.

“Trips like this are why I joined the Air Force,” said the 9th FS aircrew life support specialist. “I’m learning to do my job away from my home station, and learning about different cultures. I’m growing professionally and personally.” (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

European command customs offer shopping guide for holiday season

By Robert Szostek
U.S. European Command Customs Public Affairs Office

Mannheim, Germany - Some people have a way of buying the wrong holiday presents. This is usually a matter of taste, but many items available in Europe that make good holiday presents violate customs rules.

Some items are banned from import to the United States and other items may be carried in baggage but not mailed. Violations of customs, agriculture or postal regulations can lead to hefty fines and confiscation of the goods. Meat and meat products are one big problem.

“European delicacies like French paté, German wurst, Spanish chorizo salami and Italian ham are here for the buying and much sought-after in the States,” said Delcio Rivera, Department of Agriculture adviser to the U.S. European Command. “Unfortunately they can also carry the spores of Foot and Mouth Disease, a virulent livestock ailment eradicated in the United States,” he added.

These products, all canned meats and even soup mixes containing meat are therefore banned. Fresh fruits and vegetables are also prohibited because they could harbor pests like the Mediterranean fruit fly. The threat to U.S. agriculture is so great that the USDA fines people who mail or take banned foods to the United States up to \$250. Criminal action for deliberate cases of smuggling can end in a \$5,000 fine and a year in jail.

Wildlife products also present problems. Buying ivory as a gift is a bad idea, according to customs officials.

“Only ivory pieces previously registered with the U.S. Customs Service may be imported,” said William L. Johnson, deputy director of the European Command’s Customs Executive Agency.

Whale teeth carvings known as netsuke or scrimshaw are also prohibited from import. When buying furs, shoppers should insist on a certificate of origin stating the

animal’s scientific name to avoid buying prohibited endangered species products. The movement of caviar is also restricted and travelers are allowed to have only 250 grams of these endangered sturgeon eggs with them when they cross international boundaries.

Another purchase to avoid is the oriental water pipe. Known as hookahs, chillums or bongs, these pipes may look cute on a mantelpiece but the U.S. Customs Service sees them as drug paraphernalia so they are not allowed to be imported. Cuban rum and cigars are also often available overseas but prohibited from import stateside by economic sanctions.

Europe boasts many fine wines and spirits. The Europeans even produce liquor-filled candies that make original Christmas gifts. Unfortunately the U.S. Postal Service bans all liquor from being mailed, even if it is inside a piece of candy. However, customs allows travelers over 21 years of age to import one liter of duty-free liquor. If you plan on taking more than one liter of beer or wine stateside as gifts, the federal taxes and duties are currently low enough to make it worthwhile. However, state laws must also be met which can add to the cost. Taxes on distilled spirits like Scotch whiskey are generally considered high.

Counterfeits of well-known trademarked items are also banned from the mail. Many producers of designer items from shoes and clothing to perfumes, watches or jewelry have registered their trademarks with customs who inspect mail for faked products.

Military customs offices can offer more advice on these and other holiday shipping questions. They have many informative pamphlets from the U.S. Customs Service and the Department of Agriculture to ensure the gifts you buy for the holidays don’t present problems stateside. You can also find information at www.customs.gov/travel/internat.htm.

For more information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base customs office at 452-6027.

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, six of which were major.

■The first major accident was on perimeter road near the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office. An airman reported he took off too fast from the stop sign, lost control and hit the perimeter fence. There were no injuries. The airman’s vehicle sustained a broken headlight, scraped driver’s side and two flat tires, and was towed from the scene. The damage to the perimeter fence consisted of approximately 140-foot section of torn fabric. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron responded to repair the damaged fence.

■The second was on L-46 near Manderscheid and Schwarzenborn. A local national started to pass a vehicle on a two-lane road when he collided with an airman traveling in the oncoming lane. Both the local national and the airman sustained unknown injuries, and were transported to a local Krankenhaus. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

■The third was on A-8 at an unknown location. An airman reported that while driving, he encountered a vehicle impeding his way. He swerved to avoid the vehicle, lost control and rolled his vehicle. There were no injuries reported. The airman’s vehicle was towed from the scene.

■The fourth was on the Spangdahlem AB perimeter road near base supply. Investigation by the security forces found that an airman

attempted to negotiate a left turn on perimeter road when another driver hit her on the driver’s side. Both individuals suffered injuries and were transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus for examination. The cause of the accident was due to the airman failing to clear the right of way for oncoming traffic. The first vehicle sustained damage to the entire driver’s side, and damage to the second vehicle consisted of front-end lights and turn signals broken. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

■The fifth was on B-50 near Metterich. This particular accident happened when a family member swerved to avoid hitting a deer. She lost control and hit a brick wall. There were no injuries. Damage to the vehicle, which was towed from the scene, consisted of dents on the entire passenger side, hood and damage to the engine.

■The sixth was on B-50 near the intersection of L-38. Polizei investigation found that an airman was traveling east on B-50 when a local national failed to yield and collided with the airman. There were no injuries. The airman’s vehicle sustained disabling damage to the front end of his vehicle, and the local national’s vehicle sustained disabling damage to the driver’s side. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

The 14 minor accidents involved:

- 10 from inattentive driving.
- Three while backing.
- One animal strike.

In addition, 24 citations were issued.

Halloween

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base participating in trick-or-treating will be the commissary or BX parking lots, or across the street from the base bowling center.

■All participants should wear reflective clothing, belts or tapes.

■Carry a flashlight or glow stick.

■Minimize driving in

housing areas during treating hours.

■When driving, decrease speed, proceed with caution, and be on the lookout for children crossing the road.

■Immediately report any suspicious activities to the security forces law enforcement desk. Also, notify security forces members and Pumpkin Patrol volunteers.

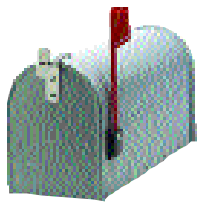
Safe points are:

■Spangdahlem AB -- adjacent to the housing office, building 454

■Bitburg Annex -- adjacent to the middle school, building 61

■Speicher -- on the basketball court

■Herforst and Binsfeld -- At the entrance to both housing areas.



Community Mailbox

Fall cleanup

Base officials encourage Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex military housing residents to participate in housing area cleanup Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The event includes cleaning the trash disposal areas, picking up litter around buildings, clearing basement walking areas and hallways, and sweeping parking areas and sidewalks.

A specially scheduled bulk trash pickup takes place Monday. Regularly scheduled bulk trash pickup takes place the first Thursday monthly. Spangdahlem AB residents should dispose of hazardous materials at the base recycling center, building 44. Bitburg Annex residents should take hazardous materials to the recycling center, building 2038 in the French Kaserne.

Children's adventure

Candyland Castle Adventure opens for children today from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Spangdahlem Air Base building 110. Cost is \$2 for children, \$5 for families. Food and prizes are available for purchase.

Event proceeds benefit the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Booster Club and Spangdahlem AB Girl Scouts.

Community activities center

The following events take place in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center in building 124. Call 452-7381 for more information.

■ACT-Eifel presents "Dead Man's Hand" today and Saturday at 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

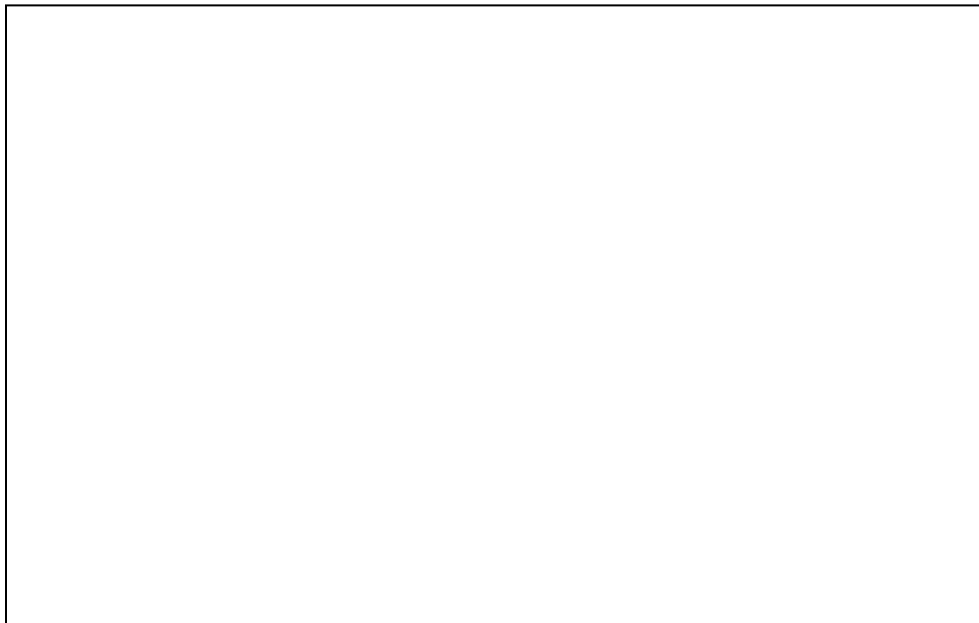
■"Rocky Horror Picture Show," Thursday from 7-11 p.m. The event features the movie, dancing and door prizes. The movie is rated R, adults must accompany youth younger than 17. Cost is \$2 or free for customers dressed as movie characters.

LOR card game

The Eifel Coffee Mill's first "Lord of the Rings" card tournament takes place Saturday at 2 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. The tourney lasts four rounds and takes about four hours to complete. Each player must bring their own cards to compete. Call Larry Hutson at 06553-900331 for details.

Haunted house

A haunted house opens for visitors Tuesday-Thursday from 6-10 p.m. in Bitburg Annex Kaserne buildings 2032 and 2033. Cost is \$3. The house features 20 rooms and a



Courtesy photo

Star struck

Staff Sgt. Gary Leipert, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils and lubrication specialist, deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, enjoys a visit with Robin Williams. The actor toured different deployed locations, signing autographs, doing comedy shows and just spreading cheer.

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Call Tech. Sgt. Harold Ayers at 452-6132 for more information.

Divorce workshop

Caring for children through divorce takes place Monday from 1-3 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 161. Call Connie Ketchum at 452-8279 for more information.

Singers wanted

Christmas choir organizers seek singers for a non-denominational choir. Duets and solos are also being considered. Practice takes place each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. through December. Call Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for details.

Youth activity

The chapel sponsored AWANAS club meets each Thursday at 6 p.m. at Spangdahlem Middle School. Activities are geared for school aged children. Children ages 3-4 may attend if the parents volunteer.

E-mail eifelawanas@yahoo.com or call 06562-932189 for more information.

College course

A three-weekend course in air carrier operations starts Nov. 1. Call the Embry-Riddle University branch office at 452-7553 for details.

Family support

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-9491 to register.

■Preseparation consultation, Monday from 9-10:30 a.m.

■Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty and family members, Tuesday from 8-9 a.m.

■German bills made easy, Thursday from 8-9:30 a.m.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

■Creative critters, Monday from 10-11 a.m.

■Career profiling, Tuesday from 1-3:30 p.m.

■"Please understand me" communications workshop, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

■IRA basics, Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Red Ribbon event

The 2nd Annual Red Ribbon Ride starts Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. from Spangdahlem Middle School. The event features 10-kilometer and 20K bike rides for adults.

A new shorter children's course features age group divisions. Finishers and owners of the best-decorated bikes win sports bottles and other prizes. Helmets are mandatory for all riders. Call 452-6559 to register or for details.

Spouses group

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Spouses Group meets Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 103. Call Cindy Shaner at 06561-604464 for details.

Holiday bazaar news

The Eifel Holiday Bazaar 2002 takes place Nov. 15 from noon to 8 p.m., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hangars 1 and 2.

The event, sponsored by the Officer's and Civilian's Spouses Club, features more than 130 vendors from all over Europe. Proceeds benefit the Eifel military community. Strollers aren't allowed.

Event organizers seek volunteers to help in various capacities. For more information, or to volunteer, call Kelli Owens at 06571-147977.

Library news

■Children's storytime, each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library. Call 452-9056 for details.

■Reading group, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Library. Meet with others the last Tuesday of each month who are reading featured books. October's book is "Nothing is Impossible: Reflections on a New Life," by Christopher Reeve. Call 452-9056 for details.

Pet care news

The Pet Spa is located in Oberweiss building 1044. Call 452-9362 for more information or to register.

■PCSing pets must have a health certificate signed by a veterinarian and dated no more than 10 days before travel. Also, all shots must be current.

■Transportation to the Pet Spa kennels takes place each Wednesday. Registration deadline is (close of business) Tuesday. The bus departs Spangdahlem Air Base lodging at 5:15 p.m. and Bitburg Annex lodging at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family.

Developmental screening

Infant and toddler developmental screenings take place each first, third and fifth Monday monthly from 9-11 a.m. in the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services clinic. The clinic is in Spangdahlem Air Base building 161.

EDIS also offers screenings each second and fourth Monday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 452-8238 for more information.

Support groups

Helping Hands is a support group for parents of children with special needs such as autistic spectrum disorders, pervasive developmental disorders and Down's Syndrome. For more information, call Capt. Michelle Ambrose at 452-8238 or 06565-958238.

Girl Scouts

Girls Scouts offers girls in kindergarten through grade 12 the opportunity to learn various skills and do activities with youth in their same age group.

Call Kannetha Clem at 06575-903627 for details. Local groups also seek volunteers. Call Karen Topolsky at 06561-947769 for more information.

Travel information

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A look around services

New to Spang or military, services is here to support you

By Maj. Denise Hollywood
52nd Services Squadron commander

The 52nd Services Squadron mission is to pro-
vide combat support and community service to our
military populace.

Your tour at Spangdahlem Air Base begins and
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Bitburg Annex. Our lodging operations were award-
ed the Air Force Innkeeper Award in 2000 and 2002.
The Pet Spa “lodges” your pets while you are
PCSing or are out and about exploring Europe.

The services squadron understands how important
your family is to you. That’s why we have programs
to provide quality care for your children throughout
their growing years, from 6-weeks to teenagers.

The Eifel child development centers were named
best in U.S. Air Forces in Europe in 2001. These
facilities are an exceptional environment for children
in their preschool years, from ages 6 weeks to 5
years. Each Eifel CDC is Air Force-certified and
uses developmentally appropriate practices to stimu-
late all areas of development for young children. The
CDCs provide full-time and part-day care. Hourly
care is provided on a space-available basis. Fees are
established in accordance to the Air Force fee policy
and calculated based on total family income.

Family child care is an alternative option that
offers care for children in a home environment, and
allows for flexible childcare times. The program pro-
vides care full-time, part-time, weekend and hourly,
as well as free extended-duty care in the homes of
licensed childcare providers. The in-home providers
undergo extensive training, background checks and
home inspections prior to licensing. The program is
available for children from 6 weeks to 12 years.

Eifel youth programs and youth sports put the
focus on children ages 5 to 18. These facilities offer
various programs designed to engage children in
structured, age-appropriate activities. The school-age
program specializes in providing supervised activi-
ties before and after school children 5 to 12. The
school-age program turns into a full-day summer
camp from June to August each year. The teen cen-
ter is the place for 13 to 18 year olds to hang out and

listen to music, play games and talk.

Athletics play an important role in the develop-
ment of children by teaching the values of team-
work, self-confidence and good health. The youth
sports program encourages those ages 5 to 18 to par-
ticipate in team sports because they are both chal-
lenging and fun. Seasonal sports teams include base-
ball, flag football, soccer, cheerleading and wrestling.

The Eifel community activities center won Best
in Air Force 2001. It’s the place to go for entertain-
ment, leisure and educational alternatives. Program
directors develop and plan numerous fun events for
youth, families and adults, like foreign language
courses or dance classes. The community center also
hosts theatrical productions by our own Act Eifel,
cultural dancing performances and great touring
shows like Tops in Blue.

While you are there, stop by our Internet Café for
some great coffee and a “chat.”

Information, Tickets & Tours is a full-service
travel agency offering airline tickets, cruises, hotel
reservations plus trips and tours throughout Europe.
ITT can also tailor a tour for groups of people desir-
ing to travel to a specific destination. For all
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Take a walk on the wild side with outdoor recre-
ation. ODR offers adventure trips in the great wide
open, including kayaking, hiking, climbing, moun-
tain biking and more. ODR facilities also feature
equipment rental, with rental items ranging from
camping gear to gardening tools.

At the services skills development center, you can
roll up your sleeves and do it yourself, or leave the
work to our professionally trained staff. Visit the
Crafts & Party Central store for a vast selection of
arts and crafts supplies. Or, learn to do something
new by taking a skills class, like scrap booking, rub-
ber-stamping, quilting, picture framing and more.
The skills center also offers framing and woodshop
facilities, Plaques Plus & Engraving. Auto skills
services include towing, car wash and commercial
vacuum cleaners and repair work.

For educational or leisure pursuits, check out the
Eifel libraries. Not only will you find books on near-

ly any subject matter, but there are also videos, CDs,
CD-ROMs, computers and computer programs, peri-
odicals and more. The Eifel libraries won Best in
USAFE in 2001.

Both dining facilities, the Mosel Dining Halle and
the Jet Blast Inn, offer a wide variety of savory foods
at affordable prices. Eifel fitness centers offer a cardio
theater, basketball courts, racquetball courts, aerobics
rooms, conditioning equipment, free-weight rooms,
locker rooms with sauna and showers. We also offer a
full range of instructional fitness classes and competi-
tive intramural and varsity sports programs.

Eifel clubs offer a variety of entertainment events
and dining options. Entertainment includes live
bands and touring shows, comedy shows, Football
Frenzy, themed dance nights and slots/amusements.

Get rolling at the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center,
Best in USAFE 2001 award winner. Our recently
refurbished bowling center features automatic
bumpers, state-of-the-art scoring systems, bowling
leagues, tournaments, glow-in-the-dark bowling par-
ties and special theme nights.

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Course. Our golf course features a practice putting
green, golf simulator, driving range, rental equip-
ment, golf carts, fully stocked pro shop, snack bar,
seasonal golf tournaments, golf instruction and a cus-
tomer-oriented staff.

We also have two fully stocked video/sound
equipment shops for your entertainment needs -
Movie Video Xpress and Sound Factory.

In the event that the unthinkable should happen,
the services personnel take charge in search and
recovery operations, and exercise the utmost in pro-
fessionalism in mortuary affairs.

The SVS squadron employs more than 400 peo-
ple around the base. Looking for employment? Stop
by our human resources office.

Whether it’s mission essential operations or just
providing a place to relax and have fun, the services
squadron is here to provide the quality services, pro-
grams and activities that you’ve come to expect. Call
services at 452-6721 for more information.

Direct Lines

Offensive shirts

*Question: I observed two inci-
dents of people wearing
offensive T-shirts in public
that really shocked me. One
instance occurred at the base
exchange and the other at the golf
course. I spoke with the golf course
manager who said the individual
shouldn’t have been allowed to play.
I won’t repeat the messages, and I’m
glad I don’t have to explain to my
grandchildren what these phrases
mean. Is there a dress code?*

*Answer: Thank you for allow-
ing me to set the record
straight. The golf course has
a dress code which requires golfers
to wear shirts with sleeves. For
offensive civilian attire, AFI 36-
2903, “Dress and Personal
Appearance of Air Force Personnel,”*

is very clear. Table 1.1 is specific on
giving me the responsibility to main-
tain uniformity and good order and
discipline and “prohibit offensive
civilian clothes and personal groom-
ing based on legal, moral, safety or
sanitary standards.”

I expect all wing members to
enforce the standards and I expect par-
ents to ensure their family members
adhere to wearing clothes that present
a respectable image as well. If these
individuals were military members, I
apologize. They should know better
and any military member should step
up and confront the offending person.
This is no different than confronting
people on military bearing or customs
and courtesy infractions.

We need to hold our members to
a higher standard. Again, thank you
for addressing this valid concern.

Dining facility seating

*Question: I ate lunch at the
dining facility at about 12:30
p.m. recently, and the food
was very good; however,
only one side of the seating area was
open for customers. Two airmen were
having lunch in the closed section,
though. The side that was open had
two tables too dirty to eat on, and four
tables each were reserved for security
forces and dining facility staff.*

*Since the staff works during meal
hours, can those tables be separated
and used by customers; better yet,
open both sides during meal hours.
Not only will that provide a more com-
fortable eating area, it will also give
customers the option of watching
sports or news, not just sports.*

*Answer: Thank you for bringing
this to my attention and I apol-
ogize for your inconvenience.
The services squadron made changes
so both seating areas remain open
unless there is a meeting or function
scheduled on the right side. The televi-
sions will be tuned to news on one side
and sports on the other side so patrons
have a choice of what to watch.*

With regards to the dirty tables,
again, I apologize. On the day in
question, services had an unexpected
manpower shortage with their civil-
ian employees. They have since
reviewed their cleaning schedules
and have adjusted them to ensure
tables are cleaned timely.

Please feel free to talk to the Mosel
Halle manager, Master Sgt. Cheryl
Dugan at 452-6727 or whenever you
are there. The staff welcomes ideas.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

City by the Sea (R)

Starring Robert De Niro and James Franco. Vincent LaMarca, a NYPD detective, discovers murder is a common denominator in his family. While his father’s crimes were heinous enough, Vincent discovers his son may be on the same path. In the midst of a Long Beach murder investigation, evidence points to Joey as the prime suspect. The film is based on actual events in the life of Vincent LaMarca. (Language, drug use and violence.)

Saturday

Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)

Starring Michael Caine and Heather Graham. Goldmember and Dr. Evil hatch a time-traveling scheme to take over the world. As Austin chases the villains through time, he joins forces with his old flame, Foxy Cleopatra. Together they must find a way to stop Dr. Evil and Goldmember from their mischievous mayhem. (Sexual innuendo, crude humor and language.)

Sunday

City by the Sea

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Austin Powers in Goldmember

Thursday

Master of Disguise (PG)

Starring Dana Carvey and Jennifer Esposito. A comedy for kids, Pistachio Disguisey is an Italian waiter who discovers he possesses Energico, a spiritual energy that allows him to transform into anything from cherry pie to Robert Shaw. He takes on spy work as a second profession using his new-found “energy.” (Language and crude humor.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Stealing Harvard (PG-13)

Starring Tom Green and Jason Lee. John is a hard working guy who only wants to marry his long time girlfriend Elaine. Elaine and John have vowed to marry once they save \$30,000 for their dream house. Things are fine until John’s sister calls to remind him of his promise to pay his niece’s tuition, which costs \$29,829 and is due in two weeks. Unable to tell his girlfriend, John turns to his friend Duff to help him make \$30,000 quickly. Duff convinces John to make a short-term commitment to petty crime. (Crude humor, language and drug references.)

The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Starring Eddie Murphy and Rosario Dawson. Pluto Nash, the owner of a night club on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. Besides this quandry, he’ll also have to deal with an evil clone of himself, his robot sidekick, and his gun-toting mother. (Violence, sexual humor and language.)

Saturday

Stealing Harvard

Bloodwork (R, 10 p.m.)

Starring Clint Eastwood, Jeff Daniels and Wanda De Jesus. Former FBI director McCaleb, who has recently recovered from a heart transplant, is tracked down by a woman, Graciela Rivers to investigate the death of her sister, whose heart happens to be the one McCaleb received. McCaleb is reluctant to take on the case, which looks like a simple robbery, but eventually relents when clues start to point to a possible murder. (Adult situations, language and violence.)

Sunday

The Adventures of Pluto Nash

Monday

Bloodwork

Tuesday

Stealing Harvard

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Ice skating is a very popular sport in Germany. It’s a fun way to stay in good shape in fresh air. At the same time, it’s a great opportunity for Americans to meet German people.

For those who would like to try the fun sport, there is an ice rink located not far from the base in Bitburg. According to ice rink officials, about 50,000 people visit the Bitburg rink yearly. It was opened to the public in 1982 and is presently run by 10 people.

The rink is now open for the 2002-2003 season and will remain open until April 2003.

Bitburg’s rink is open Monday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. It is closed for the rest of the day due to training by the Bitburg Ice Skating Sports Association. Tuesday through Saturday it is open from 2 to 6 p.m.

The rink is also open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special family rates apply Tuesday and Thursday from 2-6 p.m. Every Saturday, a disco takes place from 7-10 p.m.

Furthermore, the rink opens fitness hours at various times. At times the rink is reserved for training by the Bitburg ice sports association and for hockey games. Although people can’t skate during training hours, observers are welcome to watch any hockey games during the practice, as well as figure skating or curling. The training hours for the sections hockey, figure skating and curling are indicated on the training board in the lobby of the skating rink.

Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. schools and kindergartens are usually in the rink. The Bitburg ice sports association offers various activities, and anyone can join. Ask ice rink officials about their membership fees and join the club. Applications for membership in the “Eissportverein Bitburg e.V.” are available at the cashier.

Entry for those up to age 18 on Saturdays and Sundays is 3 euro and skate rental is 2.60 euro at those times. Tuesday through Friday, from 2 to 6 p.m., skate rental is 1.60 euro.

Entry for adults is 4 euro while skate rental is 2.60 euro. Groups of 10 people and more pay 2.50 euro each for entry and 2.30 euro each for skate rental. On Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. families with children up to age 14 pay 6 euro for the entire family and each person pays 2.60 for skate rental. School groups pay 1.60 euro for entry and 1.60 euro for skate rental. The yearly membership fee is 6.20 euro for children and children and 12.30 euro for adults.

People who are also members of the Bitburg ice sports association or ice hockey club, pay 24 euro for yearly membership fee if they are 18 years old or younger. The adults membership fee is 42 euro. Ice skates are available in sizes 25 to 50 and can be rented when presenting a valid identification card.

Sometimes the rink offers Spielfeste, or play festivals, on

Out and About

(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■Nov. 1 is All Saints Day and a German holiday. Stores will be closed that day. It’s a quiet day in Germany -- a day of mourning. Catholics will go to church and to the cemeteries to remember their loved ones who have passed.

■Trier sponsors it’s annual Allerheiligen fair today through Nov. 3, featuring an amusement park and entertainment.

■Trier sponsors a bar hopping event Saturday throughout the city. Patrons pay an entrance fee at one pub, which will allow entrance to all other pubs in Trier. Bands will be performing everywhere. This is event draws a lot of people.

Make sure to arrange for a driver if you consume alcohol.

■Stores will be open in Trier between 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday.

■The gospel choir “Effata” will perform a concert Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Konz St. Laurentius Catholic church.

■The annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum takes place Nov. 8-10 at the Trier Landes museum.

■Cochem hosts a Federweissen wine festival Nov. 8-10.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in October.

People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activity Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT office at 06561-945937 for details.

■Dinner and wine tasting, Nov. 2. Cost is \$39.

The Bitburg Ice Skating Rink is now open to the public.

ice and other fun events, featuring jugglers, acrobats, a fire show, clowning acts workshops, skating demonstrations by skating association members and more.

A fast food restaurant is available at the rink as well as a store which has anything one needs to ice skate or play hockey.

The rink is closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and Fasching Sunday. It is open on New Year’s Day from 2 p.m.

Contact the ice stadium at 06561-8447 or via email Eissporthalle.bitburg@t-online.de for information about training possibilities, ice hockey, figure skating and curling.

To get to the Bitburg ice rink, stay on B-50 until it reaches the T-intersection. Turn right going toward the center of town until you see a white sign on the right-hand side, stating “Eissporthalle” (ice rink). Turn left and follow the signs.

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Barons lose fight in homecoming game

Season ends as playoff bid is squashed

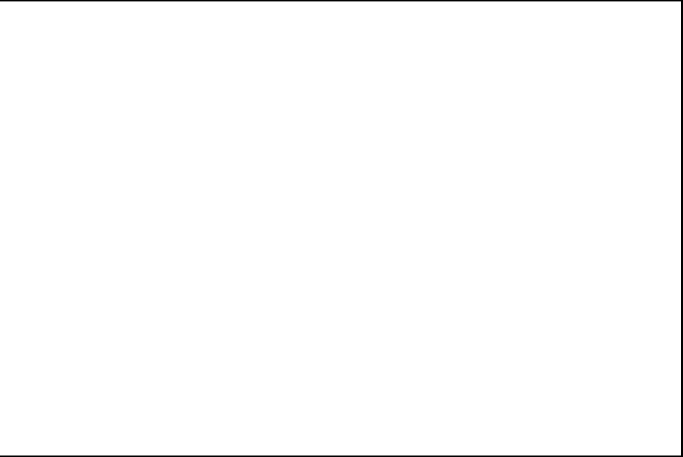
By Rik Carr
Bitburg Barons coach

In the Barons’ homecoming game, it was the Barons 3-2 and the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Spartans 3-2 both vying for the Division II playoff bid and a first round game with the Naples Wildcats. Ultimately, the Barons weren’t able to get it done, losing 27-18.

SHAPE struck first on a long run and put the first quarter score at 8-0. A long 4th down pass gave the Spartans a 14-0 second quarter lead. It was then that the Barons got it together when linebacker Jeremy Ponce tackled the punter deep in SHAPE territory and the Barons offense went to work on an 11-play drive. Running back Erik Pumbo’s 5-yard touch-down run from a quarterback BJ Phillips option pitch put the Barons on the board and the score was 14-6.

Phillips and the senior kick-off team then put down a per-fect onside kick that Gary Adamoyurka recovered. The Barons went to the end zone on a long Phillips pass but came up short as the half ended.

Fired up for the second half, the Barons came out and domi-nated the third-quarter with a Phillips-to-tight-end-Ryan Thomas 5-yard score. SHAPE had the ball for only four plays



Barons quarterback BJ Phillips takes the field in a game earlier this season.

when the Barons scored again on the second play of the fourth quarter as Phillips took the ball in on a 1-yard plunge.

With the score at 18-20 it appeared that the Barons were on a roll and a comeback. Unfortunately, the Spartans answered quickly on a 63-yard touchdown, making it a 27-18 score. With minutes left, Bitburg came up short on a crucial fourth-down play and the Spartans ended the game.

Phillips had his best day as he had 20 carries for 140 yards and was involved in all three scores. Only a freshman, Phillips ran through, around and over the Spartan team. He also com-pleted nine of 18 passes for 75 yards.

Running backs Devon Gardner and Pumbo combined for 35 and 49 yards,

Pumbo also had two catches for 44 yards in the offensive stat department.

Again it was the dynamic duo linebackers of Ponce and Braden Blake, combining for 12 solos, nine assists and three sacks behind the line. Adamoyukas’ fumble recovery and an Andy Flores-interception saw big plays. The defensive line flexed their might as they had five sacks and shut down the inside running lanes of the Spartans.

Junior-varsity action

In junior-varsity Baron action it was a 24-6 Baron victory as they played their second full game for the season. It was complete domination for the Barons as QB Trey Wilson led his offense into scoring drives each time they had the ball. Ryan Hehl and Dan Brunal led the defense.

In JV action, scores were made by James Brown, Kyle McQuiston and Jon Coker. Two-point conversions were made by McQuiston (2) and Brunal. Defensive standouts were Steve Gastelum, Fritz Mead and Hehl.

The season is now complete for both Baron teams. The end of the year banquet will take place in early November.

The Baron staff and team would like to express gratitude to the Eifel community for their tremendous support throughout the season. The Barons will now begin working to improve on this year’s performance as they hit the weights and prepare for next season.

The Bitburg Barons football team season ended Saturday with a homecoming loss to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Spartans.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Sports Shorts

Falcons continue win-streak

By Capt. Bill Rogers
Eifel Falcons coach

The Eifel Falcons are like an old BMW; they may take a while to get going but once they do, they just roll right along. Taking a 6-0 lead into halftime on a 17-yard touchdown run by Jaques Abram, the Falcons once again exploded in the second half to improve to 5-1, beating the Vilseck Bills.

Abram added an 80-yard jaunt for a score, while compiling his second consecutive 150-yard rushing performance. Not to be outdone, Josh Collett sprinted 67 yards for a touch-down. Will Rogers threw scoring tosses to John Harrell, a 19-yarder, and Scott McQuiston, a 23-yarder. Rogers also hurled strikes to Harrell, McQuiston and Chris

Sullivan for two-point conversions.

Holding the Bills to negative total offensive yards in the first half, the defensive line of CJ Rogers, Will Rogers, Matt Hurst, Chris Ramos, Erik Volk and Rico Garcia spent the better part of the day wrecking Vilseck's offense, tallying a final score of Eifel 36, Vilseck 12.

The Falcons take on the Vilseck Bucs Saturday at 2 p.m. on the Bitburg High School field. The Bucs, the only undefeated team in the league at 4-0-1, beat the Falcons in their first meeting, 24-20. With a victory, the Falcons would take possession of first place in the league.

Recreational trips

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips in October. The minimum age for trips is

12, unless listed otherwise.

Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility for more information.

■Advanced cave rappelling, Nov. 2. Cost is \$45.

■Baltic Sea Cod fishing trip, Nov. 9. Cost is \$85 with gear rental, \$75 with own gear.

■Underground mountain biking and rap-pelling, Nov. 10. Cost is \$45.

Bowling

Eifel Lanes Bowling Center is located in Spangdahlem Air Base building 300. Winter hours are Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, holidays and family days from noon

to 9 p.m. Call 452-6217 for more information.

■Color pin bowling, each Friday at 6 p.m. Participants win prizes when they bowl a strike including a colored head pin.

■Glo-bowling, each Saturday at 6 p.m. The center features new lanes and lights.

■Family day, each Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Event features discount games and free shoe rentals.

■Deployed spouses family day, each Monday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Families of deployed military members can bowl for \$1 per game. Call for details.

■League bowlers can practice for only \$1 per game Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bowlers must present a current league card at checkout. Call for details.